



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

December 11, 2014

William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendations for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

In September, 2014 the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) began reviewing the twelve project proposals submitted for CPA funding. After extensive review including applicant presentations, site visits, public comment sessions and committee deliberation the CPC voted to recommend nine funding requests.

At the December 3, 2014 meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend \$230,271 for two recreation projects, \$217,240 for four historic preservation projects, \$600,000 for two affordable housing projects, and \$116,200 for one open space preservation project. All together the committee has recommended funding nine projects for \$1,163,711. Collectively, these projects will leverage of \$41M in additional grants and spending.

Complete CPA applications, meeting minutes, and other project materials can be accessed on the CPC's webpage: <http://northamptonma.gov/1048/Community-Preservation-Committee>. The Orders are based on the detailed project applications available there, which are incorporated by reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, if additional information is needed, or the Committee's recommendations.

Projects Recommended for Funding:

**Bridge Street Cemetery Preservation Plan, Northampton Department of Public Works:
\$16,400**

This project will provide funding for creation of a Historic Preservation Plan for Bridge Street Cemetery to include mapping, historical research, and assessment of gravestones and monuments.

129 Pleasant Street Affordable Housing Development, HAP, Inc: \$300,000

These funds will allow HAP to develop 48 units of permanently affordable rental housing at the former Northampton Lodging site in a new mixed-use development that will include retail and office space, as well as market-rate housing.

Historic Northampton Infrastructure Renovations, Historic Northampton: \$176,465

CPA funds will be used to undertake priority rehabilitation work to allow the museum to secure its collections and buildings. This includes basement and foundation repairs, storm window installation, and asbestos remediation.

Jackson Street School Playground Rehabilitation, Jackson Street School PTO \$176,271

This project will create a new playground to serve Jackson Street School students and the surrounding community; replacing the much-loved wooden playstructure that was removed this past summer due to safety concerns.

Pomeroy Terrace National Register Nomination, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability \$4,375

CPA funds will be used to complete efforts to prepare a nomination to the National Park Service for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. National Register listing will recognize the historic importance of the Pomeroy Terrace neighborhood to the history of Northampton.

Pulaski Park Design Completion, Northampton Public Works Commission \$54,000

This project will complete design plans and construction documents for the proposed overlook portion of Pulaski Park, in preparation for a Park groundbreaking planned in 2015.

Saw Mill Hills Open Space Acquisition, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability \$116,200

CPA funds will be used as the local match for a state Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity grant for purchase of a 50-acre parcel on Sylvester Road to add to the Saw Mill Hills.

Seth Thomas Clock Acquisition, Northampton Office of Planning and Sustainability \$20,000

CPA funds will be used to purchase the historic Seth Thomas Clock that was formerly located on the corner of Main Street and Strong Avenue. Dedicated by Calvin Coolidge, the clock was a downtown fixture for one hundred years. It will be restored and installed downtown.

Lumberyard Affordable Housing Project, Valley Community Development Corporation \$300,000

CPA funds will be used to help create 50 units of affordable housing in a mixed-use development at the former Northampton Lumberyard property on Pleasant Street

Thank you,

Downey Meyer
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee